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For: DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF AN AUTOMATIC POOL CLEANER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims of the international application were amended under Article 19.

Before calculating the filing fee and before formal examination of the application on the merits, it is desired to amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

All amendments to the claims, including cancellation of any claims, are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter. The amendments to the claims are not intended to limit the scope of the claims but to re-present the claims in a form more consistent with U.S. practice and procedure.

**AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. The list of claims is intended to show the status of all claims pending in the application, including any amendments thereto.